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**FY07 Capital Plan Cycle Begins with Award of New School for Wickenburg
Construction Set to Begin in Five Others**

(PHOENIX, AZ – October 12, 2006) The Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) made their first construction award of the FY07 Capital Plan Cycle at last week's monthly board meeting.

Wickenburg Unified School District was approved for a new K-8 elementary school for 914 students to open in Fall 2009.

This was the first school to be awarded as part of the FY07 Capital Plan Cycle, which will continue for the next six months. The cycle begins in early September when districts submit their requests for new construction. From that time on, SFB staff analyzes the requests taking into account factors such as current district capacity and projected growth.

The school, which is to be built within the Festival Ranch development, will cost \$8,752,128. This approval allows the district to design their school within the allocated budget. Upon completion of design, the project will go before the Board again for approval to begin actual construction.

The Board also approved five districts to begin construction on their previously board-approved schools. They are:

Casa Grande Elementary for a K-5 for 844 students at a total cost of \$11,375,343

Coolidge Unified for a K-8 for 924 students at a total cost of \$9,778,125

Higley Unified for a K-8 for 1,184 students at a total cost of \$12,657,321

Laveen Elementary for a K-8 for 1,155 students at a total cost of \$13,539,556

Maricopa Unified for a K-6 for 956 students at a total cost of \$9,894,073

More construction approvals are anticipated at next month's meeting to be held November 2 in Surprise.